

HART'S GARDEN COMMUNITY THEMATIC GROUP – STAKEHOLDER STEERING GROUP MINUTES



DATE OF MEETING: 22 FEBRUARY 2021

I. ATTENDEES AND ABSENCES

In attendance:

Stakeholders:

Caroline Winchurch (CW), Hart Voluntary Action
Mike Shepherd (MS), VIVID
Liz Glenn (LG), Health & Policy Project Officer, HDC
Beverley Mogford (BM), Conservation Officer, HDC
Andrew Ratcliffe (AR), Landscape Manager, HDC
Adam Green (AG), Countryside Manager, HDC
Chris Cornwell (CC), Hartley Wintney Voluntary Care Group
David Turver (DT), We Heart Hart and WAG
Tristram Cary (TC), Rural Hart Association
Candy Burnyeat (CB), Whitewater Valley Preservation Society

Garden Community
Project Team:

Patricia Hughes (PH)
Christine Tetlow (CT)
Jen Kennedy (JK)
Noel Armstrong (NA)

Apologies:

Cllr Graham Cockarill (Cabinet Member for Place)

2. WELCOME

PH welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

3. CHAIR NOMINATION AND ELECTION

CC suggested that a public show of hands be used to elect the Chair and the two representatives of the Stakeholder Forum that would represent their views on the Garden Community Opportunity Board, for the purposes and understanding of the meeting but not for minuting.

To determine whether a recorded vote as outlined by CC would be used an electronic poll was taken of the Stakeholder Steering Group. The vote was unanimous in favour of using a recorded vote; therefore, the motion was carried.

Members of the Stakeholder Steering Group were then invited to put themselves forward for the Chairship.

Mike Shepherd (VIVID), and Candy Burnyeat (Whitewater Valley Preservation Society), both put themselves forward as wishing to take this role.

Mike Shepherd was elected to the position of Chair for the Steering Group.

4. OPPORTUNITY BOARD NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Members of the Stakeholder Steering Group were then invited to put themselves forward for the Opportunity Board.

Mike Shepherd (VIVID), and Caroline Winchurch (Hart Voluntary Action), each nominated themselves to sit on the Opportunity Board.

Mike Shepherd and Caroline Winchurch, as the only candidates, were appointed to the positions to represent the Steering Group on the Opportunity Board, uncontested.

5. VISION & OBJECTIVES – COMMUNITY SURVEY

The Officers reintroduced the Community Survey, which will provide an evidence base to help inform the vision and objectives for the project.

Comments already received from the Thematic Group were incorporated into the version sent out to this group one week prior to today's meeting.

Members were given the opportunity to consider the Community Survey and discussed the following:

- Whether the survey should reference Lord Taylor's presentation and if members of the public would understand enough about Garden Communities to give suitable feedback
- Whether there were additional opportunities outside of this survey to refine the conversation to deliver against our ambitions
- Whether the survey should reference land value capture and what sort of question could be asked - the principles of land value capture were also discussed
- Whether land value capture is considered in the Future Proofing thematic group around legacy & stewardship
- Whether there should be a description of what the Garden Community is, the area/constraints of Shapley Heath, its potential scale, and the purpose of the survey (to identify the vision & objectives) specifically to provide context on which to base conclusions
- How sustainability can be addressed
- That there will be an evaluation of viability, which will consider land value capture and determine whether Shapely Heath can be delivered
- Whether questions about key infrastructure are already included throughout the existing survey

- Whether the transport question should consider the existing road or rail networks – The team discussed behavioural change because of the pandemic
- That this group's scope is not the same as that of the Local Plan
- Whether the survey sounded to pre-pandemic as it doesn't call out how people live and work
- Whether there are any other Garden Community projects that we can learn from or whether they are all at different stages
- Whether using rankings where people pick the top three is too narrow as a choice and whether the option to rank all elements would be preferable
- How the first questions in each section are looking to identify the vision and then the second questions to identify the objectives
- Poundbury as an exemplar place for the group to learn from
- Whether the survey is 'friendly enough' to be completed by all social demographic profiles and the ability to monitor those groups who do respond
- Whether the group could assist with ensuring that as many representatives as possible from the community have the opportunity for their voice to be heard
- That the social demographic questions will be optional and that thought will be given to those groups we are less likely to hear from

In addition:

- It was requested that the scale and timing of the development be put on the website under FAQs
- Covid-19 survey and results be shared with the Steering Group so that it can inform a question going into this survey

6. NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING

The Officers advised that the Community Survey would go to the Opportunity Board to show them where we have got to so far and to ask them to give delegated authority down to the Portfolio Holder, working alongside the Garden Community Project Team and Stakeholder Forum to deliver a final version.